

## Transport, Logistics, Infrastructure

### *Infrastructure:*

Government endeavors to complete the construction of the entire core connectivity infrastructure of Georgia over the next four years. Infrastructure, accordingly is one of the pillars of the "Four Point Plan", the key government reform program. Subsequently, Georgia will spend around four billion dollars on infrastructure projects in the period of 2017-2020. The major part of this sum will be spend on roads (including highways); approximately 800 km of roads projects are in the pipeline now. This will further strengthen the role of the country in the new Silk Road. In addition, other major infrastructure projects that boost country's economic development will be carried out throughout Georgia.

### *Transport and logistics:*

One of the top priority Industry for Georgian Government, transport and logistics, represents the lifeblood of any country's economy since it constitutes the heart of the supply chain. Areas without good transport connections do not grow or prosper. Notably, biggest challenge for the Government of Georgia is strengthening the transit function of the country and formation of logistical hub in the region, thus attract more investors with this regard. Georgia has 4 seaports in Batumi, Poti, Kulevi and Supsa, 3 international Airports in Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Batumi, 2 domestic airports in Mestia and Ambrolauri as well as 2084 km railway line and rapidly improving road network from which 1450 km are of international importance. As of today, Georgian transit corridors serve around 44 mln. tons of cargo per annum.

The Government of Georgia is an active member of the International Transport Corridors, such as TRACECA, LAPIS LAZURI, Baltic-Sea-Black Sea International Transport corridor and etc. Mentioned corridors make contribution to the revival of one of the most famous historical Silk Road. During 2015-2016 railway freight transportations from China in the direction of Georgia were carried out in several occasions and the transit time has been reduced from 40-45 to 7-9 days compared to the carriage by sea.

For further enhancing country's transit potential Government of Georgia is carrying out major infrastructural projects such as Anaklia New Deep Water Black Sea Port, Railway Modernization Project, East-West Highway Construction, Baku – Tbilisi – Kars new railway connection line project, development of logistical centers.

As part of the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project financed by the World Bank, Government of Georgia intends to carry out a feasibility study for the creation of logistics centers. Free Industrial Zones will further incentivize investors to engage in the mentioned development while take the advantage of the special regimes that FIZ offers, ranging from ease of customs procedures to exemption of taxation.

In July 2016, tender for hiring the consulting company was completed and Dornier Consulting International (Germany) was selected as the winner. After the finalization of study (beginning of the 2017), the MoESD will announce the Expression of Interest for selecting the investor for the development of Logistics centers based on the Public Private Partnership.

**Anaklia Deep-Sea Port** (brief information)

- The Government is pursuing the development of a new deep-sea port in Anaklia on the Black Sea coast, which will be constructed in 9 phases and be able to handle 100 million tons of cargo per year. The Anaklia port shall have the following competitive advantages:

- Strategic location
- Capacity to receive Panamax type of vessels
- One stop shop solutions
- Simple and fast procedures and
- All year round safe navigation.